

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A clean copy of the paragraph under the heading CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENTS is presented below.

a¹ This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/313,063, filed May 17, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,136,945.

IN THE CLAIMS: Please cancel Claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 13 and 14 without prejudice and amend Claims 1, 7 and 10, which are re-written in "clean" format:

a² 1. A method for finishing polycarbonate produced by reaction in a melt of a diaryl carbonate and a dihydric phenol in the presence of a basic catalyst to produce an intermediate polycarbonate composition, comprising:

combining the intermediate polycarbonate composition with an alkyl tosylate and about 2 ppm to about 6 ppm phosphorous acid; and

processing the combination of the intermediate polycarbonate composition, the alkyl tosylate and the phosphorous acid to blend the combination and quench residual basic catalyst present in the intermediate polycarbonate composition.

a³ 7. The method of claim 5, wherein the liquid carrier is propylene carbonate.

10. An aromatic polycarbonate composition comprising:

an aromatic polycarbonate obtained by reacting a diaryl carbonate and a

dihydric phenol in the presence of a basic catalyst in melt;

an alkyl tosylate; and

about 2 ppm to about 6 ppm phosphorous acid.
